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**WESTCHESTER MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO FEDERAL CHARGE
OF STEALING DONATIONS TO POLICE CHARITIES**

United States Attorney DAVID N. KELLEY announced that DAVID SADOFSKY pled guilty today in White Plains federal court to a charge of mail fraud arising from his theft of donations to non-profit organizations made through SADOFSKY's telemarketing company.

According to the charges and statements made in court, SADOFSKY's telemarketing business, D&R Communications of Yonkers, New York, made calls to area residents as part of charitable appeals for organizations such as the Yonkers Police Benevolent Association and the Police Athletic League of Yonkers. The telemarketing firm was entitled to retain a percentage of the donations - usually 65% to 70% - as its commission, and the remainder of the donations were to benefit the organization.

The telemarketers, including SADOFSKY himself, solicited money contributions from individuals and businesses, and also solicited donations of gift certificates or tangible items from businesses, on the representation that the donated gift certificates or items would be raffled, with the proceeds

benefitting the designated organization, or otherwise used for the benefit of the organization or its beneficiaries.

According to the charges and statements made in court, however, from the year 2000 through January 2003, SADOFSKY stole cash, gift certificates and tangible items that had been contributed by donors on the representation that the donations would benefit the organization on behalf of which D&R was soliciting. For example, SADOFSKY kept for himself cash donations from individuals and businesses, and ate at restaurants with friends and business associates using donated gift certificates from businesses. According to statements made in court, SADOFSKY pocketed approximately \$55,000 in cash donations over the three-year period, resulting in a loss to the charities of approximately \$16,000, as well as an undetermined amount of goods and gift certificates.

SADOFSKY pled guilty before United States Magistrate Judge MARK D. FOX to a single count of mail fraud, and is scheduled to be sentenced by United States District Judge COLLEEN MCMAHON on November 30, 2004 at 9 a.m. The mail fraud count carries a maximum sentence of 5 years' imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine.

Mr. KELLEY praised the efforts of the Federal Bureau of Investigation for its work in the case.

Assistant United States Attorney CATHY SEIBEL is in charge of the prosecution.

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